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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1 1. (Currently Amended) An artificial wind producing flag pole
2 assembly for maintaining a ~~flag~~ flag in an unfurled position, the artificial
3 wind producing flag pole assembly comprising:
4 a base member being adapted for being positioned on a support
5 surface;
6 a blower assembly being coupled to said base member such that said
7 blower assembly is in fluid communication with said base member, said
8 blower assembly being adapted for blowing air into said base member; and
9 a flagpole being coupled to said base member such that said flagpole
10 is in fluid communication with said base member, said flagpole being
11 positioned opposite said blower assembly such that said blower assembly is
12 adapted for blowing air through said base member into said flagpole, said
13 flagpole comprising a plurality of exhaust apertures extending into said
14 flagpole such that each of said exhaust apertures allow air blown into said
15 flagpole to be exhausted, said flagpole being adapted for receiving the flag
16 such that the flag is positioned proximate the exhaust apertures to allow the
17 air exhausted through said exhaust apertures to flow over the flag and
18 maintain the flag in the unfurled position;
19 wherein said plurality of exhaust apertures are positioned on an
20 opposite side of said flagpole from a mounting location of said blower
21 assembly on said base member.

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1 2. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

3 a plurality of clip members being coupled to said flagpole, each of
4 said clip members being adapted for being selectively coupled to the flag
5 such that said clip members are for coupling the flag to said flagpole.

1 3. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

3 said clip members being positioned in a space relationship proximate a
4 top end of said flag pole, said clip members are adapted for being
5 selectively coupled to a base edge of the flag such that said clip members
6 maintain the base edge of the flag in a substantially vertical position and
7 substantially aligned with a longitudinal axis of said flagpole when said clip
8 members are coupled to the base edge of the flag.

1 4. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 3, further comprising:

3 said exhaust apertures of said flagpole being aligned with said clip
4 members such that said exhaust apertures are positioned between said clip
5 members, said exhaust apertures are adapted for being aligned with the base
6 edge of the flag such that said exhaust apertures exhaust the air over the
7 base edge and along the sides of the flag to unfurl the flag when the flag is
8 coupled to said clip members.

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1 5. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 2, further comprising:

3 said clip members being positioned opposite said blower assembly,
4 said clip members being adapted for permitting the flag to extend outwardly
5 from said flagpole in a direction opposite said blower assembly such that a
6 weight of said blower assembly facilitates stability of said flagpole by
7 balancing a force applied to said flagpole by the flag when the flag is
8 unfurled.

1 6. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

3 said flagpole comprising a perimeter wall, said perimeter wall
4 defining a venting bore extending along a portion of a length of said
5 flagpole, each of said exhaust apertures extending through said perimeter
6 wall such that each of said exhaust apertures is in fluid communication with
7 said venting bore, said venting bore comprising an open end in fluid
8 communication with said base member such that air supplied by said blower
9 assembly enters said venting bore through said open end and is exhausted
10 from said venting bore through said exhaust apertures.

1 7. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 6, further comprising:

3 said base member comprising a transfer bore, said transfer bore
4 extending through said base member such that transfer bore is in fluid
5 communication with said blower assembly and said open end of said venting
6 bore of said flagpole, said transfer bore of said base member being adapted
7 for permitting air flow produced by said blower assembly to be directing
8 into said venting bore of said flagpole.

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1 8. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

3 said base member comprising an upper face, a bottom face and a
4 perimeter face, said perimeter face extending between said upper face and
5 said bottom face, said blower assembly being coupled to said perimeter face
6 of said base member, said flagpole being coupled to said upper face of said
7 base member such that said flagpole extends upwardly from said base
8 member, said bottom face being adapted for being positioned on the support
9 surface.

1 9. (Original) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as
2 set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

3 said bottom face of said base member being substantially planar such
4 that said bottom face resists tipping of said base member and said flagpole
5 when said base member is positioned on the support surface and the flag is
6 unfurled from said flagpole.

1 10. (Currently Amended) An artificial wind producing flag pole
2 assembly for maintaining a ~~flag~~ flag in an unfurled position, the artificial
3 wind producing flag pole assembly comprising:

4 a base member being adapted for being positioned on a support
5 surface, said base member being substantially hollow and substantially
6 cylindrical in shape;

7 a blower assembly being coupled to said base member such that said
8 blower assembly is in fluid communication with said base member, said
9 blower assembly being adapted for blowing air into said base member;

10 a flagpole being coupled to said base member such that said flagpole
11 is in fluid communication with said base member, said flagpole being
12 positioned opposite said blower assembly such that said blower assembly is
13 adapted for blowing air through said base member into said flagpole, said
14 flagpole comprising a plurality of exhaust apertures extending into said

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15 flagpole such that each of said exhaust apertures allow air blown into said
16 flagpole to be exhausted, said flagpole being adapted for receiving the flag
17 such that the flag is positioned proximate the exhaust apertures to allow the
18 air exhausted through said exhaust apertures to flow over the flag and
19 maintain the flag in the unfurled position;

20 a plurality of clip members being coupled to said flagpole, each of
21 said clip members being adapted for being selectively coupled to the flag
22 such that said clip members are for coupling the flag to said flagpole;

23 said clip members being positioned in a space relationship proximate a
24 top end of said flag pole, said clip members are adapted for being
25 selectively coupled to a base edge of the flag such that said clip members
26 maintain the base edge of the flag in a substantially vertical position and
27 substantially aligned with a longitudinal axis of said flagpole when said clip
28 members are coupled to the base edge of the flag;

29 said exhaust apertures of said flagpole being aligned with said clip
30 members such that said exhaust apertures are positioned between said clip
31 members, said exhaust apertures are adapted for being aligned with the base
32 edge of the flag such that said exhaust apertures exhaust the air over the
33 base edge and along the sides of the flag to unfurl the flag when the flag is
34 coupled to said clip members;

35 said clip members being positioned opposite said blower assembly,
36 said clip members being adapted for permitting the flag to extend outwardly
37 from said flagpole in a direction opposite said blower assembly such that a
38 weight of said blower assembly facilitates stability of said flagpole by
39 balancing a force applied to said flagpole by the flag when the flag is
40 unfurled;

41 said flagpole comprising a perimeter wall, said perimeter wall
42 defining a venting bore extending along a portion of a length of said
43 flagpole, each of said exhaust apertures extending through said perimeter
44 wall such that each of said exhaust apertures is in fluid communication with
45 said venting bore, said venting bore comprising an open end in fluid

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46 communication with said base member such that air supplied by said blower
47 assembly enters said venting bore through said open end and is exhausted
48 from said venting bore through said exhaust apertures;

49 said base member comprising a transfer bore, said transfer bore
50 extending through said base member such that transfer bore is in fluid
51 communication with said blower assembly and said open end of said venting
52 bore of said flagpole, said transfer bore of said base member being adapted
53 for permitting air flow produced by said blower assembly to be directing
54 into said venting bore of said flagpole; and

55 said base member comprising ~~an~~ a substantially circular upper face, a
56 substantially circular bottom face and a substantially cylindrical perimeter
57 face, said upper face being substantially planar and said bottom face being
58 substantially planar, said perimeter face extending between said upper face
59 and said bottom face, said blower assembly being coupled to said perimeter
60 face of said base member, said flagpole being coupled to said upper face of
61 said base member such that said flagpole extends upwardly from said base
62 member, said bottom face being adapted for being positioned on the support
63 surface, said bottom face of said base member being substantially planar
64 such that said bottom face resists tipping of said base member and said
65 flagpole when said base member is positioned on the support surface and the
66 flag is unfurled from said flagpole;

67 wherein said bottom face of said base member being located at a
68 lowermost position on said flag pole assembly such that said flag pole
69 assembly rests on said bottom face;

70 wherein said blower assembly is positioned laterally outward from
71 said base member and is rigidly connected to the base member in a manner
72 such that said blower assembly rests on a ground surface when said base
73 member rests on the ground surface;

74 wherein said blower assembly having an interior with an outlet, the
75 outlet of said blower assembly connected to a portion of said perimeter face

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76 of said base member such that said blower assembly blows air into said base
77 member through said perimeter face;
78 wherein said plurality of exhaust apertures are positioned on an
79 opposite side of said flagpole from a mounting location of said blower
80 assembly on said base member.

1 11. (New) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as set
2 forth in claim 1, wherein said bottom face of said base member is located at
3 a lowermost position on said flag pole assembly such that said flag pole
4 assembly rests on said bottom face.

1 12. (New) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as set
2 forth in claim 1, wherein said blower assembly is positioned laterally
3 outward from said base member and is rigidly connected to the base member
4 in a manner such that said blower assembly rests on a ground surface when
5 said base member rests on the ground surface.

1 13. (New) The artificial wind producing flag pole assembly as set
2 forth in claim 1, wherein said base member comprises a substantially
3 circular upper face, a substantially circular bottom face and a substantially
4 cylindrical perimeter face, said upper face being substantially planar and
5 said bottom face being substantially planar, said perimeter face extending
6 between said upper face and said bottom face, said blower assembly being
7 coupled to said perimeter face of said base member, said flagpole being
8 coupled to said upper face of said base member such that said flagpole
9 extends upwardly from said base member; and
10 wherein said blower assembly has an interior with an outlet, the outlet
11 of said blower assembly connected to a portion of said perimeter face of
12 said base member such that said blower assembly blows air into said base
13 member through said perimeter face.